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1. DEPUTY FSFA SECRETARY MOJSOV APPROACHED ME AT RECEPTION FOR CODEL MORGAN EVENING JAN 14 TO DISCUSS OUR NOTE RE OVERFLIGHTS. HE INDICATED MYSTIFICATION RE OUR PROTEST. HE TOLD ME HE PERSONALLY AUTHORIZES ALL MILITARY FLIGHTS OVER YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT SOVIETS ARE NOT FLYING ANY MILITARY AIRCRAFT OVER YUGOSLAVIA TO ANGOLA. HE INDICATED THE ONLY RECENT REQUESTS FROM SOVIETS WERE WITH RESPECT TO FLIGHTS TO ALGERIA.

2. HE TOLD ME WHEN HE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE NOTE HE WAS AT FIRST CONCERNED THAT SOMETHING WAS HAPPENING THAT HE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT AND CALLED GENERAL LJUBICIC (DEFENSE SECRETARY) TO INQUIRE. HE LAUGHINGLY ASKED ME WHETHER THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HAD SOME TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOVIET CIVILIAN PLANES ARE CARRYING MILITARY CARGO. IN PASSING, HE NOTED THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAD GIVEN OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION TO THE GERMANS WHO WERE SUPPLYING TURKEY AFTER US EMBARGO, AS INDICATION THAT THEY WERE HARDLY KNUCKLING UNDER TO SOVIETS. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SOVIET SUPPLIES TO MPLA ARE MOVING PRIMARILY BY SHIP.

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EM IN RESPONSE I MUMBLED INCOHERENTLY. I CERTAINLY
HOPE SOMEBODY IN WASHINGTON KNOWS A GOOD DEAL MORE
ABOUT THIS THAN I DO. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I WOULD BE
GRATEFUL, PER REFTELS, FOR MORE INFORMATION
QUICKLY. SILBERMAN

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